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I believe that I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ULTRA-HIGH-PRESSURE VEGETABLE STERILIZATION METHOD AND PRODUCT, the specification of which was filed on November 25, 2003, as United States Patent Application No. 10/722,384.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: NONE.

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